

Vaccine For Children Influenza Clinics

The New River Health District has recently received a very limited amount of Vaccine For Children (VFC) influenza (flu) vaccine. VFC flu vaccine can be administered only to children who meet the program eligibility and vaccine eligibility criteria. To be eligible, a child must be less than 19 years of age and meet one of the following: Medicaid eligible, uninsured, Alaskan native, or native American. In addition, eligible children must also fall into one of the following risk categories:

- Aged 6-23 months
- Have chronic medical disorder of the pulmonary or cardiovascular system, including asthma
- Required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes mellitus), kidney disease, anemia and other blood disorders, or immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications, cancer treatment, or HIV/AIDS)
- Will be pregnant during the flu season
- Household contacts of children less than 6 months of age
- Aged 6 months-18 years and are residents of a long-term care facility

During the week of November 1-5, 2004, this limited supply of vaccine will be offered **by appointment only** at a specific time within each health department. Only children who meet VFC criteria will be offered appointments.

Call your local health department to schedule an appointment:

Floyd County Health Department:	745-2141
Giles County Health Department:	921-2891
Montgomery County Health Department:	381-7100
Pulaski County Health Department:	994-5030
Radford City Health Department:	831-5774